

## Title I. Applicability of Rules

### FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

#### Rule 1. Scope of Rules; Title

**(a) Scope of Rules.**

- (1) These rules govern procedure in the United States courts of appeals.
- (2) When these rules provide for filing a motion or other document in the district court, the procedure must comply with the practice of the district court.

**(b) Rules Do Not Affect Jurisdiction.** These rules do not extend or limit the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals.

**(c) Title.** These rules are to be known as the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

### FEDERAL CIRCUIT RULE

#### Rule 1. Scope of Rules; Title

**(a) Reference to District and Trial Courts and Agencies.**

- (1) the terms “district court” and “trial court” include:
  - (A) the United States district courts;
  - (B) the United States Court of International Trade;
  - (C) the United States Court of Federal Claims; and
  - (D) if applicable, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
- (2) the term “agency” includes administrative agency, board, commission, or officer of the United States, including each of the following:
  - (A) the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the Patent and Trademark Office;
  - (B) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks;
  - (C) the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board;
  - (D) the United States International Trade Commission;
  - (E) the Secretary of Commerce acting under U.S. note 6 to subchapter X of chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to importation of instruments or apparatus);
  - (F) the Secretary of Agriculture acting under 7 U.S.C. § 2461;
  - (G) the Merit Systems Protection Board;
  - (H) certain arbitrators;
  - (I) the Boards of Contract Appeals in federal agencies;
  - (J) the Secretary of Veteran’s Affairs acting under 38 U.S.C. § 502;
  - (K) the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission acting under 3 U.S.C. § 454;
  - (L) the Federal Labor Relations Authority acting under part D of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 3;
  - (M) the Secretary of Labor or the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, under part C of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 3;
  - (N) the Office of Compliance acting under 2 U.S.C. § 1407(a)(1);